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Attention: Donna

Re: Notice of Hearing - Cause No. M/053/005

Enclosed is a Notice of Hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.

It is requested that this notice be published ONCE ONLY, on January 10, 1991, if possible, but no later than <u>January 11, 1991</u>. In the event that said notice cannot be published by this date, please notify me immediately by calling 538-5340.

Upon completion of this request, please send proof of publication and statement of cost to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF A REVISION TO THE EXISTING MINING & RECLAMATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY TENNECO MINERALS COMPANY, WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE TENTATIVE APPROVAL NO. M/053/005

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 16, 17, 20 AND 21, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 18 WEST, SLBM, WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its intent to issue tentative approval to Tenneco Minerals Company (Tenneco) to revise their original approved Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations. The name of the mining operation is the Goldstrike Project. Revised mining activities will effect the following areas: SW/4 - Section 16, SE/4 - Section 17, NE/4 - Section 20, and NW/4 - Section 21, Township 39 South, Range 18 West, SLBM, Washington County, Utah

Tenneco has submitted a revised permit application to expand their existing mining operation to include the following changes: The addition of four new open pits and the enlargement of the Padre Pit. A new waste dump will be established in Quail Canyon by damming the drainage and placing waste rock from the downstream side of the dam. Leach Pad #2 will be enlarged onto this new waste dump. One new solution pond will be constructed and one of the existing ponds will be enlarged. Other changes include minor alterations to the siting of existing structures and relocation of facilities within the mine area to accomodate development of the new open pits. The revision will add an additional 40 acres of surface disturbance to the originally approved (210 acre) mine plan.

The person representing the company is Mr. Ken Kluksdahl, Mine Manager, P.O. Box 2650, St. George, Utah 84770, Phone (801) 574-3164.

The project revision may be permitted in one or two phases. If phased approval, Phase I would involve the construction of the Quail Canyon dam. Phase II would involve the remainder of the activities proposed under the permit revision.

Tenneco is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (Section 40-8, UCA,1953, as amended) with specific reference to Section 40-8-18 and will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 250 acres of federal and private land.

During Operations

Tenneco will mine 4 new open pits (total of 8) for gold ore. The ore will be crushed and removed to the leach pads for cyanide processing. The gold-bearing solutions are processed in a Merrill-Crowe zinc precipitation plant, and a small gold smelter. Mining commenced in 1988 and is expected to conclude in December of 1992, with processing operations continuing until December 1993.

Following Operations

- 1. The leach pads and ponds will be decommissioned, graded, topsoiled, and revegetated.
- 2. All buildings and process equipment will be removed. Concrete foundations will be demolished and buried.
- 3. Two pits will remain, all others will be backfilled and reclaimed.
- 4. Remaining pit highwalls will be bermed and/or fenced to minimize public health and safety concerns. Pit access/haul roads will be reclaimed and bermed to restrict access.
- 5. The Quail Canyon fill dam and the sediment dam will be left for livestock and wildlife watering.
- 6. The BLM will maintain a road through the mine site connecting Road No. 42529 with the County Road along East Fork of Beaver Dam Wash.
- 7. Of the 250 acres to be disturbed, 30 acres, associated with the pits, will be left unreclaimed. The remaining disturbed areas will be graded, topsoiled and revegetated.
- 8. Post mine landuse will consist of livestock grazing and wildlife habitat.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this notice of intent to issue tentative approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, setting forth factual reasons

for his or her complaint, and thereafter, at a time and place to be established, appear before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to show cause, if any, why this mine plan revision should not be approved.

DATED THIS 7th day of January, 1991.

STATE OF UTAH

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Dianne R. Nielson

Director

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